

In The Claims:

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Currently Amended) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 21, wherein the conduit further comprises a first tubing member in communication with the air moving unit at one end and a second tubing member at another end, wherein the second tubing member is configured for connection to the metering assembly.
3. (Original) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 2, wherein the seal prevents air flow through the second tubing member.
4. (Currently Amended) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 1, A seed planting assembly for forming a furrow, delivering seeds into the furrow, and closing the furrow, the assembly comprising:

at least one planting unit including:

- A. a furrow opening assembly operable to create a furrow;
- B. a metering assembly operable to receive seeds and deliver seed into the furrow under forced air pressure, wherein the metering assembly includes an air inlet; and
- C. a furrow closing assembly disposed downstream of the furrow opening assembly operable to close the furrow;

a conduit having a first end and a second end, the second end in removable communication with the meter assembly;

an air moving assembly including an air moving unit coupled to the first end of the conduit; and

an air blocking assembly comprising a sealing member configured to engage the second end of the conduit when the conduit is not connected to the metering assembly, the sealing member configured to prevent air flow through at least a portion of the conduit,

wherein the air blocking assembly further comprises a cap having an open end that fits over the second end of the conduit, and wherein the cap has a closed end providing the sealing member.

5. (Original) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 4, wherein the open end defines an inner diameter sized to provide a pressure fit with respect to the second end of the conduit.

6. (Original) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 4, wherein the open end is threadedly connected to the second end of the conduit.

7. (Currently Amended) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 21 wherein the inhibiting-air blocking assembly is tethered to the at least one planting unit.

8. (Currently Amended) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 21, wherein the cap-air blocking assembly is connected to the at least one planting unit via a fastener.

9. (Original) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 8, wherein the fastener defines a distal end that extends through an aperture extending through a planting unit frame.

10. (Original) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 9, wherein at least one flange extends outwardly from the distal end and fits through the opening to lock the fastener in place.

11. (Currently Amended) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 21, wherein the sealing member comprises a plug having an outer diameter sized to fit within the second end of the conduit.
12. (Currently Amended) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 21, wherein the conduit comprises a first member connected to the air moving member, and a plurality of second members extending from the first member and connected to a corresponding plurality of planting units.
13. (Currently Amended) The seed planting assembly as recited in claim 21, wherein the sealing member is manually placed in engagement with the second end of the conduit.
14. (Original) A method for disengaging a planting unit from an air moving unit of a seed planting assembly, wherein the planting unit is operable to form a furrow in the ground and deliver seeds to the furrow, and wherein the planting unit is coupled to the air moving unit via a conduit to regulate the seed delivery, the method comprising the steps of:
  - disconnecting the conduit from the planting unit such that the conduit defines an open end; and
  - placing a sealing member in engagement with the open end of the conduit.

15. (Original) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the sealing member comprises a cap having an open end that fits over the open end of the conduit, and wherein the cap has a closed end providing the sealing member.
16. (Original) The method as recited in claim 14, further comprising forming a pressure fit between the sealing member and the open end of the conduit

17. (Original) The method as recited in claim 14, further comprising threadedly connecting the sealing member to the open end of the conduit.
18. (Original) The method as recited in claim 14, further comprising tethering the sealing member to the planting unit.
19. (Original) The method as recited in claim 14, further comprising plugging the open end with the sealing member.
20. (Original) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the sealing member is manually placed in engagement with the second end of the conduit.
21. (New) A seed planting assembly for forming a furrow, delivering seeds into the furrow, and closing the furrow, the assembly comprising:
  - at least one planting unit including:
    - A. a furrow opening assembly operable to create a furrow;
    - B. a metering assembly operable to receive seeds and deliver seed into the furrow under forced air pressure, wherein the metering assembly includes an air inlet; and
    - C. a furrow closing assembly disposed downstream of the furrow opening assembly operable to close the furrow;
  - a conduit having a first end and a second end, the second end disposed at the meter assembly, the second end in removable communication with the meter assembly;
  - an air moving assembly including an air moving unit coupled at the first end of the conduit; and

an air blocking assembly comprising a seal configured to prevent air flow through at least a portion of the conduit, the seal engaged against the second end of the conduit when the conduit is not connected to the metering assembly.